




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Stephanie Cutter, City Manager 

SUBJECT: Project DeRenne Concept Workshop Presentation Oct. 2, 2014

DATE: September 26, 2014

The workshop scheduled for next Thursday, October 2, 2014 will deal with the comments and input received from the Poplar Place and University Place residents on February 25, 2014 concerning Project DeRenne.

City Staff will provide a discussion on the process that the city staff took to develop an alternate design to address these neighborhood concerns and issues.

Project DeRenne Boulevard Concept

Council Workshop Presentation
October 2, 2014

Public Meeting

February 25, 2014, a public meeting was held at Savannah Technical College with the Poplar and University Place residents. The City received the following input from residents:

Public Meeting

- ❖ **Residents expressed concerns with the potential increase in traffic volumes** on Hampstead Avenue from existing volume of 7000vpd (*vehicles per day*) to 28,000vpd current design for the boulevard alternative.
- ❖ **Potential concerns of egress** from residential homes fronting the street(backing out of driveways onto the heavy travelled street)
- ❖ **Speeding concerns** posted speed limit for Boulevard 35mph, potential increases in speeds
- ❖ **Road noise levels**
- ❖ **Safety concerns**

Meeting with Officials

The week of May 10-14, the Mayor and Aldermen met with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) officials in Atlanta and with the Federal Highway officials (FWHA) in Washington DC.

Field Exercise - Hampstead Avenue

On May 7 the City conducted a field exercise on Hampstead Avenue attendees were:

- City elected officials
- Federal and GDOT officials
- City staff
- News media
- Residents and the general public



Purpose-Field Exercise

- Full-scale layout of the Boulevard section using cones, signs, green astroturf, and plastic markings and sheeting to delineate the actual limits of the proposed travel lanes, median, curbs, grass strips, sidewalk, and multiuse path.
- Afforded an opportunity for residents and property owners to ask questions and interact directly with GDOT and FHWA officials.

Alternative Solution

- To address residents' concerns from the February 25 meeting and May 7 field exercise a new alternative was developed that includes a frontage road on the north side of the boulevard concept

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DERENNE BOULEVARD CONCEPT
HAMPSTEAD FRONTAGE ROAD CONCEPT

DATE: 05-27-2014



Existing

LEGEND

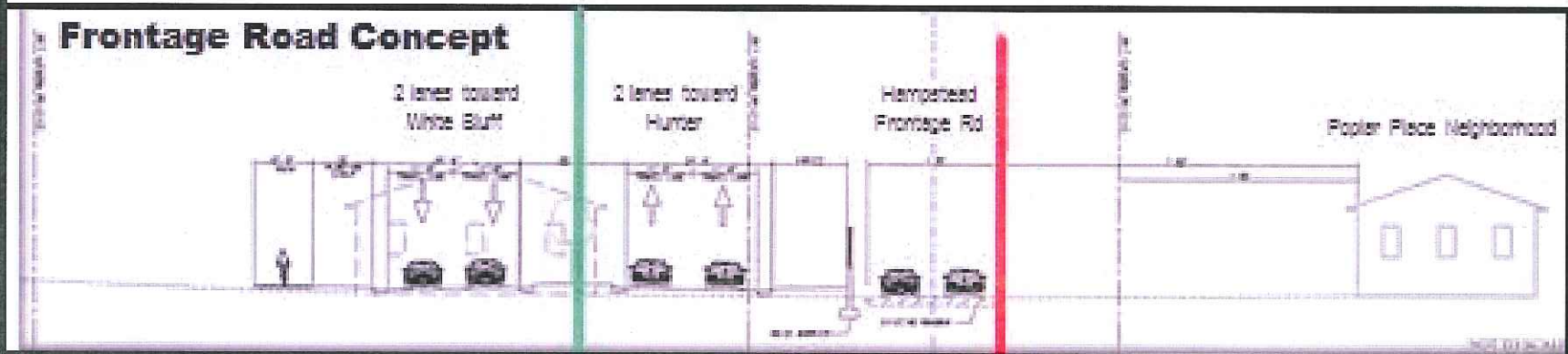
-  Center of Roadway
-  Eligible Historic District Boundary
-  Existing Property Line



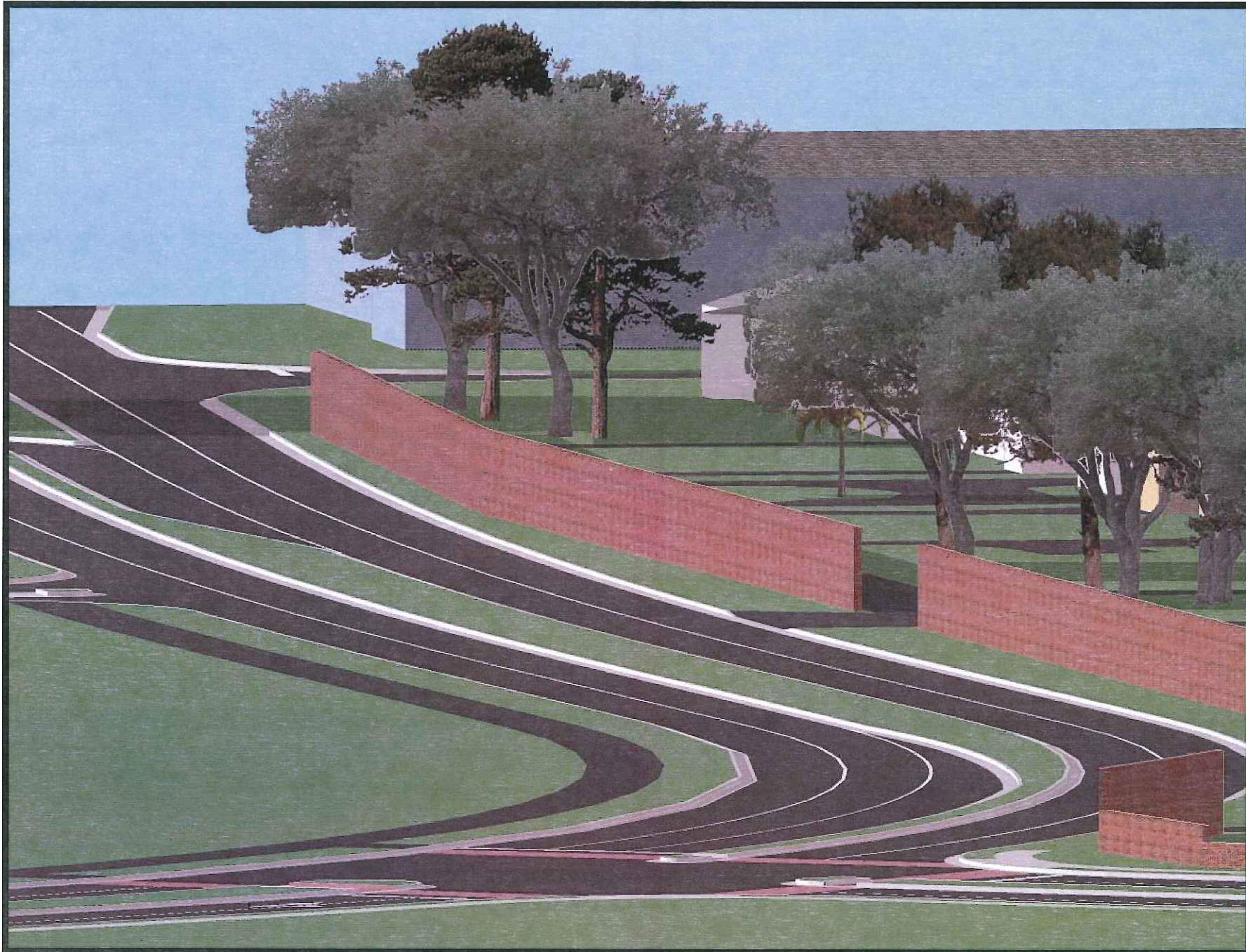
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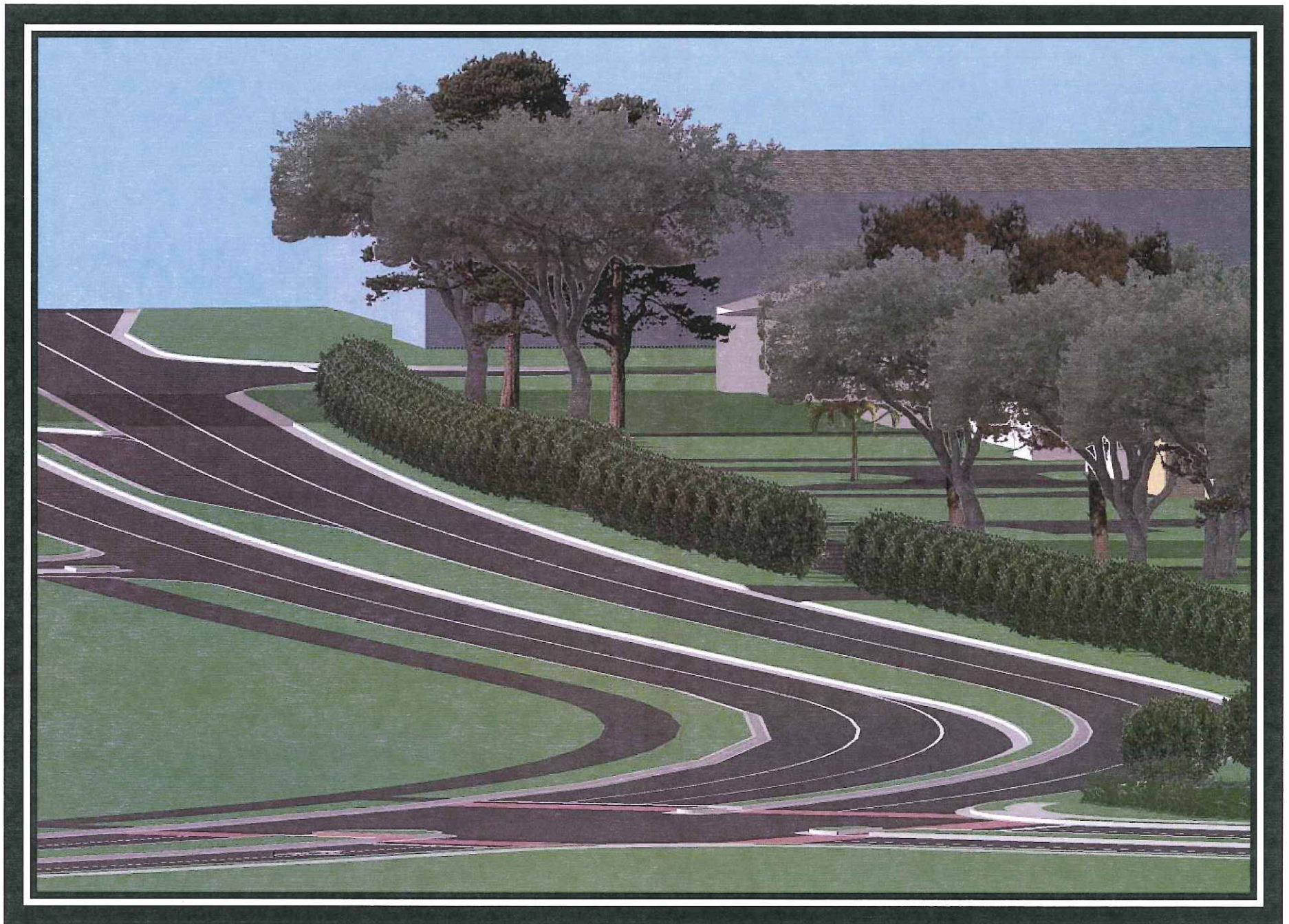
Frontage Road Concept











Resolution

Current Concept

Frontage Road

Pros

Cons

Pro: Project moves forward under current concept, design, and schedule

Con: Does not fully address citizen concerns raised during Feb. 25 Meeting and Field Exercise

The Frontage Road concept:

- Minimizes traffic on Hampstead
- Provides safety buffer from the Boulevard
- Hampstead becomes a local neighborhood street
- Provides easy access to and from residential driveways
- Potential noise reduction (if noise wall is warranted) from the Boulevard

The Frontage Road concept:

- Requires partial redesign of Current Concept
- NEPA EA modifications
- Requires additional GDOT review
- Increases design and construction costs
- Additional property required
- Schedule implications